

Showers, followed to-night by fair. Tomorrow fair.

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## CYCLONE KILLS ONE AND INJURES MANY IN NORTH ST. LOUIS

Crushed Buildings, Up-rooted Trees, and Twirled Ferryboat.

## TWENTY PERSONS HURT

The World's Fair Grounds Passed By—River Front Damaged.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—Ruined buildings, suffering, and dead mark the trail of a tornado that swept over North St. Louis yesterday.

It came without warning. There has been no rain in that district. Suddenly a great black cloud rushed in from the southwest. An arm of it reached to the ground, and within the radius of its suction, buildings were crushed and crumbled, giant trees were uprooted and thrown together in great heaps, telegraph poles were snapped at their base like pipe stems, and missiles were hurled through the air as by the force of a terrific dynamite explosion.

The casualties were:  
Dead:  
JOHN ELLINGTON.  
JOSEPH VESCHESKY.  
Injured:  
William Biggor, bruised.  
James Crosby, broken hip.  
William Ditchauer, leg and arm broken.  
William Fouché, leg broken.  
W. Fricke, leg broken.  
Jacob Harman, shoulder dislocated.  
W. H. Langan, cut and bruised.  
William H. Langan, badly cut.  
Louis McCullin, broken leg.  
Edward Pappas, badly cut.  
Gertrude Powolski, burned by live wire, seriously.  
Herman Sauerwein, aged ten years, arm broken and crushed, but probably died.

T. A. Somers, bruised.  
William Yorkie, leg broken.  
Six employees of Niedringhaus rolling mill, not seriously injured; names not learned.  
Mrs. Susie Sattle, East Madison, ribs fractured.  
Mrs. Lora Biehl, East Madison, ribs fractured.  
Mrs. Clarence Biehl, East Madison, internal injuries.  
F. Biehl, East Madison, leg broken and internal injuries.  
Mrs. G. W. Smith and three children, Madison.  
Mrs. White, Granite City.  
William Spann, Madison.  
Mrs. John Whalen, Madison.  
Mrs. John McCulloch, leg broken.  
F. Patterson, cut on head, hip bruised.  
F. Polisky, shocked and badly burned by live wires.  
Little Weckerherlin, shoulder bruised.  
There are a hundred others with minor injuries who were taken to city infirmaries and afterwards allowed to go home.  
The estimated property loss is \$250,000.

World's Fair Grounds Uninjured.

The World's Fair grounds escaped the tornado.

The broken path of the tornado was about a block and a half in width, and extended from Nineteenth Street, where the apex of the inverted funnel first touched the ground, east along Angelfoot Street, for the distance of ten blocks; thence north along Broadway for three blocks, where the tornado jumped to the foot of Bremen Street and the river, a distance of eight blocks. Considerable property along the river front was destroyed.

From the bank of the river the twisting mass of clouds jumped to mid-stream and pounced upon a ferryboat, which was sent revolving like a cinder in a whirlpool. The boat kept aloft and right side up, however, without injury to anyone on board. A large motorboat, the "Tornado," was also sent spinning, and several persons were injured in Venice and Granite City.

Remarkable Escapes.

The story of the tornado is replete with remarkable escapes. A trolley car on Broadway, containing eleven passengers, was struck by six telephone poles and completely wrecked. The motor-man, however, was the only person injured.

The heaviest loss sustained by a single firm occurred at the American Rolling Mill, this plant covering two acres. The high smoke stack was blown down, and a large part of the mill demolished. Six employees of the Niedringhaus Company were injured.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The storm center that occupied the lower Missouri Valley Friday morning has moved rapidly eastward over the southern lake region, attended by heavy rain in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio Valleys, the Middle Atlantic States and the lower lakes, and by high southerly winds on Lakes Erie and Ontario. This storm will continue a north of east course over the St. Lawrence Valley, causing high southerly, shifting to westerly winds on the Middle Atlantic and New England coasts, and heavy rains in the North Atlantic States. In the lower lake region and the upper Ohio Valley rain will be followed by cool, clearing weather, and fair weather will prevail in the lower Ohio Valley and the South Atlantic and East Gulf States. The present storm is the first well defined and energetic disturbance that has appeared in any part of the United States during the present month, and the present indications are that it inaugurates a period of greater activity in atmospheric phenomena over the United States.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. .... 73  
12 noon ..... 82  
1 p. m. .... 85

DOWNTOWN.

9 a. m. .... 80  
12 noon ..... 85  
1 p. m. .... 89

SUN SETS TODAY, 6:50  
SUN RISES TOMORROW, 5:17

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today, 3:43 p. m.  
Low tide today, 9:12 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow, 4:08 a. m., 4:45 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow, 10:58 a. m., 11:19 p. m.

## PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR OYSTER BAY

Accompanied by Small Army of Clerks and Stenographers, Executive Starts at 10 o'Clock—Officials See Him Off.

"Good luck and good-by!"

President Roosevelt waved a benedictory hand at the attaches of the White House, as, at 9:30 o'clock this morning, he stepped into the landau that was to take him from the home of the country's Chief Magistrate to the Pennsylvania station. He was driven rapidly from the White House to the station and on a special train, accompanied by the White House force of clerks and stenographers, began the trip to Oyster Bay.

The President was in a gay mood. The business that he occupied his time and attention for the past month is off his hands, arduous work during the past week having sufficed to clear his desk. His smile was bright and cheery and his laugh clear and ringing as he left the White House steps. If there was any indication of falling confidence about his demeanor, it would have required an expert in physiognomy to detect it.

Secretary Loeb was with him in his carriage, and an attentive spectator of the bows the President bestowed upon the crowds that greeted him on the Avenue. The usual crowd was at the station and lined the portico and corridors of the building as the President passed through.

The change from a special car to a special train was made almost at the last moment. It was not a yielding to fear inspired by any of the absurd rumors in circulation during the past

few days, which were based upon the labor troubles in New York and had their origin in the brain of some imaginative writer, but a mere matter of convenience.

It was thought the trip could be better accomplished and with less fatigue in this manner.

## The Train Party.

The train consisted of but two coaches—one a combination baggage and dining car and the other a regulation Pullman drawing-room sleeper. The two carried comfortably the President, his secretary and the members of the party. Luncheon will be served on the train. Arrived at New York, the party will be provided with carriages, and in charge of a special escort furnished by Commissioner McAdoo will be carried across the city to the Long Island City ferry. There the train for Oyster Bay will be taken and the arrival at the final destination made about 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. Commissioner McAdoo will look personally after this part of the arrangements.

The President carries away the gratifying knowledge that he has cleared up the last bit of official business. All that remained was disposed of at the Cabinet meeting yesterday, and Mr. Roosevelt is now prepared to settle down to a month of rest and recreation. His letter of acceptance has been prepared, and nothing remains to annoy him. "I am going to have a good time," he says, and those who look upon the rugged personality of the man and yield admiration to his robust health and unwavering confidence in life and his star will have no difficulty in believing the statement.

## DELUGE SWEEPS TOWN OF GLOBE

Seven Persons Drowned and Many Missing.

## RAILROAD TRACKS UPROOTED

Current of Water Rushed Down the Canyon With Force of "Lightning Express."

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 20.—A cloud-burst struck the town of Globe Friday afternoon. Seven persons are known to have been drowned, nearly a mile of railroad tracks have been swept away. The Southern Pacific shops were demolished and much damage to other property was wrought.

Telegraph communication with the town is completely shut off. The details of the disaster were brought to Bowie, Ariz., by a courier on horseback. The known dead are: Mr. N. Mitchell, Southern Pacific mail-carrier, his wife and four children; G. D. Wilson, clerk in a grocery store. According to the messenger, nine others were reported to have been drowned, but he was unable to learn the details or names.

## Town in a Canyon.

The town of Globe is situated in a canyon and was struck with terrific force by the high wall of water. Houses were lifted from their foundations and swept away, carrying their inmates with them. The current of water had the force of a lightning express and swept everything in its path clean.

Stores were filled with water and goods were washed out into the streets. The turntable of the Globe Valley, Globe and Northern Railroad was washed out, as was also about three-quarters of a mile of the tracks of the Southern Pacific.

Cloud-burst occurred near Pima, above Globe, and the waters from this helped to swell the flood which passed through the latter place.

Charles Sims, Mrs. Hude, Miss Moody and John Epley were drowned. Their bodies have been recovered.

## WILL FROM CALIFORNIA

PROBATED IN THIS CITY

An exemplified copy of the will of James W. Somers, which was admitted to probate in Los Angeles county, California, has been filed in the office of the Register of Wills for the District of Columbia. He leaves his estate to his brothers, William H. and John W. Somers, and Martha Somers, the widow of his brother, Joseph W. Somers.

## EXPRESS TRAIN DITCHED

ON PENNSYLVANIA LINE

Five Cars Derailed and Four Men Injured in Accident at Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 20.—Striking a landslide near Conowingo, below this city, the third section of the Cleveland and Cincinnati express, westbound, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was ditched this morning.

The train carried no passengers, being made up of five express cars. Four of the crew were injured. They are: J. J. Hanley, conductor, Philadelphia; lacerated limbs and possible internal injuries.

Harry Whitmyer, engineer, Philadelphia, bruises of arms and nose.

H. S. Shunk, Philadelphia, deep laceration of leg.

George Feathers, express messenger, Philadelphia, bruises of the body.

## STUTTLER APPEARS; CASE NOT CALLED

Delay in Messages Brings Him From West Virginia.

## WILL RETURN NEXT MONDAY

Absence of Commissioner West and Mr. Robinson Delay the Re-hearing to August 30.

Warner Stutler, Superintendent of Street Cleaning, who is charged by Royal Robinson with official maladministration, returned to Washington this morning from West Union, W. Va., with the idea that the District Commissioners would complete on Monday next their investigation into Robinson's accusations.

Stutler was informed by District Commissioner Macfarland, however, that the last hearing in the case will be held August 30, as no reply has been received to the summons sent Commissioner West to return to this city from his vacation in North Carolina for the purpose of having the hearing next Monday.

The superintendent is still in a run-down condition, and is exceedingly nervous. He was unable to get a sleeper last night on the way from West Union, where he attended some days ago the funeral of his father-in-law, and the all-night travel in a day coach worked against his recovery.

## Delay in Messages.

He said this morning he would not have returned so early if he had known that the hearing was to be postponed. A telegram from his attorney, R. Golden Donaldson, did not reach him yesterday in time to prevent his coming to Washington. He was advised by Commissioner Macfarland to return to West Union, Monday, for further rest, and this he will probably do.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Macfarland wired Mr. West to stay out his vacation, and not come to Washington until August 30, as today was too late to summon Robinson from New York. The coming of Judge Cochrane, another attorney, will facilitate. He is now on the New England coast.

Stutler's nervous collapse the last of July prevented the investigation into his case being concluded the first of this month. He was ordered by his physician to go to the country to recuperate. Although he is much improved, he is still from being a well man, in spite of his assertion that he might go to work at his desk next Monday.

## SUBPOENA FOR HEINZE AT MOTHER'S GRAVE

Report That Process Server Followed Mine Owner to the Cemetery "on Business."

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—According to assertions made the war against F. Augustus Heinze, which is a part of the long standing litigation over Amalgamated Copper, was carried to an extreme point on Thursday, when attempts were made to serve legal papers on Heinze at the moment that he stood beside his mother's grave in Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

It is said that the process servers appeared as Mrs. Heinze's body was being lowered into the earth, and that it was only with difficulty that they were restrained from executing their office until the funeral ceremonies had come to an end.

The subpoena was one from the United States Circuit Court, requiring Heinze to appear before a notary and answer questions in a suit brought by the Boston and Montana Consolidated Copper Company and the Silver Mining Company.

## PANAMA MISTRUSTS CANAL ZONE CLAIM OF UNITED STATES

Promises Regarding Her Sovereign Rights Not Regarded.

## VIOLATION OF TREATY

Grave Apprehension Felt in Respect to President's Motives.

PANAMA, Aug. 20.—Considerable comment has been caused here by the recent general order from Washington, which, referring to the rates of postage, speaks of and includes the canal zone as among the possessions of the United States.

The order also defines the Canal zone as comprising the territory purchased from Panama, including the zone proper and the adjoining islands of Perico, Culebra and Flamenco, in Panama Bay.

## Violation of Treaty.

It is contended here that this interpretation is entirely incorrect and at variance with the terms of the canal treaty, which says nothing of United States possessions in the Canal Zone or of Panama having sold its territory or any part thereof in any way.

This arbitrary assertion is coupled by Panamanians with the cable dispatch of July 27, sent by Acting Secretary of State Loomis in a circular to American consular officers all over the world, and especially to those on the American seaboard, instructing them to treat isthmian ports on the Atlantic and Pacific in the same manner as United States ports, accounting for fees and customs duties in the usual way.

## President Distrusted.

Thus coupled, the official action of the United States is regarded here as confirming and justifying the mistrust felt by Panamanians in the promises made by President Roosevelt regarding the sovereign rights of Panama on the isthmus.

These promises, it is declared, have not been kept, and are not likely to be, in spite of all that may be said to the contrary. The people are declared to be disappointed and to have lost all confidence in the administration.

It is believed by isthmians that the only object of the American Administration is to side over the matter by diplomatic subterfuges and misinterpretation of the treaty until the election campaign is over.

## INSURGENTS WIN FIGHT IN PARAGUAY

Take Minister of War From Government Steamer.

## HIT PRESIDENT'S HOUSE

Send Ultimatum Threatening Bombardment of Asuncion If Regulars Do Not Capitulate.

BUENOS AYRES, Argentina, Aug. 20.—The Paraguayan insurgents have seized another steamer, which had on board the minister of war and a small escort. The minister and his companions were made prisoners.

The vessel was towing four lighters loaded with 130 bullocks for the garrison. These were confiscated.

At the conference on board one of the insurgent steamers, after the bombardment of Asuncion last Wednesday, between the ministers of Argentina, Brazil, Italy and France and the insurgent leaders, the latter said that after the ministers left the vessel they would fire two more shots, one at the residence of President Escorza and the other at the church concealing the battery, in order to demonstrate the excellence of their artillery.

## Two Buildings Struck.

The shots were fired and both the president's residence and the church were hit. No further bombardment has been reported.

The insurgent commander, with 2,000 land forces, is approaching Asuncion. One of the insurgent steamers has sailed for the Villa Hayes, north of the capital. The Villa Hayes is the only point which can now be communicated with. Asuncion is completely isolated.

The foreign ministers have offered their intervention, to which offer the insurgent leaders replied that they would permit President Escorza to continue in office, but would demand the resignation of the ministers and other high officials of the government.

## Terms Were Denied.

The insurgents' terms were conveyed to the government officials and promptly declined. The insurgents then sent an ultimatum demanding the surrender of the capital within twenty-four hours, saying that should this demand be not granted the bombardment of Asuncion would be resumed.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres, August 12, said that the insurgents had captured a steamer commanded by President Escorza, and had taken the minister of war, who was on board the steamer, attempted to escape by jumping overboard and swimming to the river bank. He was, however, taken prisoner before reaching the shore. The name of the acting minister was not given.

## MERRITT O. CHANCE NOW CHIEF CLERK

SWORN IN TODAY



MERRITT O. CHANCE.  
Succeeds Blain W. Taylor as Chief Clerk of the Postoffice Department.

Sworn Into Office to Succeed to Desk of Blain W. Taylor in Postoffice Department—Was Once a Messenger.

Merritt O. Chance today took the oath of office as chief clerk of the Postoffice Department to succeed Blain W. Taylor, whose resignation takes effect today.

## Native of Illinois.

Mr. Chance is a native of Illinois, and when nineteen years of age was appointed a messenger in the Postoffice Department at a salary of \$20 a year.

He took the examination for the position of stenographer and was promoted to a \$399 position.

He advanced step by step until he was made private secretary to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

## Secretary to Mr. Root.

Mr. Chance resigned this position to accept that of private secretary to Secretary Root of the War Department.

When Secretary Root retired from office life Mr. Chance accepted the position of chief of the supply division of the postoffice and continued in that position until selected by the Postmaster General to be chief clerk of the department.

## Further Action Could Then Be Taken

in Time of War—Legislation Needed.

Secretary Taft disapproves of the Government having control of all Government stations for wireless telegraphy.

In a letter to the President contained in the report of the interdepartmental board appointed by the President to consider the entire question of wireless telegraphy in the service of the Government stations for wireless telegraphy, says:

"After reading the report of the Secretary of Agriculture I am by no means certain that the Navy Department ought to control all Government stations for wireless telegraphy. It seems to me that it would be sufficient for the joint Naval and Army board in time of peace to keep a record of all stations, both public and private, with power in the Navy Department to assume control of them in time of war. Provision as to control of private stations would probably need legislative action."

## Many Still Complain

OF GARBAGE SERVICE

Company Says It Is Making Every Effort to Improve the Daily Collections.

The complaints of citizens of the non-removal of garbage from their houses by the Washington Fertilizer Company, contractor for the garbage service, reached a total of thirty today, twenty-nine less than the total yesterday, showing that the service has been in a measure improved as a result of the vigorous representations made to the company by the District authorities.

The company assures the authorities that additional teams for hauling the garbage are being employed all the time, and that every effort will be made to improve the service constantly until it is thoroughly satisfactory.

## AKTE LEAVES PARIS OPERA TO SING IN AMERICA

PARIS, Aug. 20.—Aino Akte, the famous Finnish soprano and prima donna of the Paris opera, has resigned in order to appear in the United States during the coming season.

## WOULD NOT ABSORB WIRELESS SYSTEMS

Russia and Germany Worry Over Polish League.

## AN "ARMY OF LIBERATION" SUPERVISION WOULD DO

Said to Have Held Maneuvers "On Big Scale" at Newark, N. J.

BERLIN, Aug. 20.—It is stated in official circles that Germany and Russia strongly resent the alleged encouragement which America is giving the Polish revolutionaries.

It is alleged that the United States permits these revolutionaries to drill and hold military maneuvers in the uniform of the Revolutionary League and under the revolutionary flag.

It is stated that the Polish League headquarters in Chicago summoned the so-called army of liberation, and held maneuvers on a big scale, at Newark, N. J., in July last. Cavalry, artillery, and infantry participated. All this was done with the avowed intention of starting an uprising in Poland.

Russia and Germany regard America's permission for such maneuvers as a friendly, and will make inquiries, and if the stories are found to be based on fact will make representations at Washington.

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## DEATH GRAPPLE HAS COMMENCED AT PORT ARTHUR

Firing on Beleaguered Fortress Is Fiercest at Daybreak.

CHEFOO, Aug. 20.—The Japanese forces, it is believed, are now making their supreme attack upon Port Arthur.

## JAPS IN ANSCHANCHAN

Hard-Fought Battle Is Believed to Have Occurred.

At daybreak this morning the firing was at its height.

A rumor is current from a Russian source that Admiral Togo's flagship has been sunk. There is no confirmation.

## DEFENDING PORT IN SHIFTS.

ROME, Aug. 20.—A dispatch received in Rome today says that General Stoessel, in command at Port Arthur, has divided his force into three sections, each having eight hours' rest out of the twenty-four. Thus two-thirds of the troops are always on duty.

## RUSSIAN TROOPS MOBILIZING.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 20.—The minister of war has ordered the further mobilization of troops in the districts of Kiev, Moscow, and Kazan.

## NOVIK AT KORHAKOFF.

It is reported that the Russian cruiser Novik, which left Tsing-Tau after taking refuge there for eighteen hours, has arrived at Korhakov, a port on the Island of Saghalien.

## JAPS OCCUPY TOWN.

TOKYO, Aug. 20.—The Japanese yesterday occupied Anshanchan. The Russian forces which were in the town retreated toward Mukden.

Anshanchan is to the southwest of Liao-Yang, about half way between that place and Hai-Cheng. The town is naturally adapted for defense, and it is quite probable there was a hard-fought battle there before the Japanese entered the fortress.

## RUSSIAN WARSHIPS MUST LEAVE PORT

SHANGHAI, Aug. 20.—The Chinese naval authorities have determined that Chinese neutrality shall be respected by the Russians.

He has ordered the Russian torpedo destroyer Groszovoi to leave the harbor at noon today, and the Askold before noon tomorrow. Should they fail to do so, they must desist.

The cruisers sought refuge in the harbor in a damaged condition after the sea fight of August 10. They have since been repairing.

## RUSSIANS AWAIT FALL OF FORTRESS

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 20.—The Japanese force, brought up by reinforcements to 100,000 men, with 450 guns, 150 of siege caliber, is drawing closer around Port Arthur. Its latest achievement is the taking of the Liaotshan fort.

The Russian defenders are assisted as much as possible by the guns of the Pobeda, the Retvizan, the Peresvich, the Potlavya, the Sevastopol, the Diana and Port Arthur. While the gunboats and the battleships are engaged, the Russian coast and harbor are harassed by the Japanese, who thus exchange fire on a prodigious scale.

A Chefoo dispatch announces that the Japanese lost 20,000 men Wednesday, but everybody knows that Chefoo is a hot-bed for false "news."

The Birshekyia Viedomosti publishes a special dispatch stating that "events of the highest importance are in preparation at Liao-Yang. The forthcoming fight there will decide the fate of Port Arthur."

This leads to the belief that General Kuropatkin, even at this stage of the conflict, may make a supreme effort to try and force the Japanese to reduce their army around Port Arthur. Pessimism prevails here to almost an incredible extent. Everywhere it is whispered that Port Arthur has fallen. Such assertions are merely idle suppositions.

## Make Sortie or Scuttle.

Acute anxiety prevails regarding the situation at Port Arthur. Upon one point there is absolute unanimity here, namely, that if the fortress falls the fleet will not fall into the hands of the Japanese. On this point the admiralty's instructions are of the most imperative character.

"Vice Admiral Prince Oukhtomsky has been ordered should the worst come to pass forth for a death struggle, and there is no question here that these instructions will be carried out both in letter and spirit, but if for any reason a final sortie proves to be impossible the admiral is to destroy his ships, and to make certain that their wreckage shall be absolutely irreparable."

In the meantime Admiral Rojestvensky's Baltic squadron, including

## OPEN-AIR SERMON BY BISHOP JOHNSTONE

At the open-air service at St. Alban's tomorrow afternoon a sermon will be preached by Bishop Johnstone, of western Texas. The music will be had by the United States Marine Band. The hour of the service has been fixed at 4:30.